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His insight, integrity, and devotion to duty have consistently improved the foreign intelligence product so vital to the Nation's security and have contributed significantly to establishing a better understanding of the role of intelligence in formulating foreign policy.

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3. Twice before employees of the Central Intelligence Agency have received the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service. They were Mr. Lyman Kirkpatrick, Jr., in 1964 and Mr. Sherman Kent, in 1967. The Award was last presented in 1971. The selection of Mr. Knoche as a recipient of the award after one of the most trying periods in the Agency's history is recognition of the Agency's great work and all the employees who serve it so well.

4. Members of the selection panel have told Mr. Knoche the award was his for effective work as DDCI and also for recognition of those at CIA whose dedication and professionalism have kept American intelligence alert and productive.

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